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TRUMP THREATENS MORE

CITIES WITH TROOPS



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Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents patrol the National Mall on Saturday in Washington.

Baltimore latest target after spat with Maryland governor

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump threatened Sunday to expand his military deployments to more Democratic-led cities, responding to an offer by Maryland’s governor to join him in a tour of Baltimore by saying he might instead “send in the ‘troops.’”

Last week, Trump said he was considering Chicago and New York for troop deployments similar to what he has unleashed on the nation’s capital, where thousands of National Guard and federal law enforcement officers are patrolling the streets.

Trump made the threat to Baltimore in a spat with Maryland Gov. Wes Moore, a

Democrat who criticized Trump’s unprecedented flex of federal power aimed at combating crime and homelessness in Washington. Moore last week invited Trump to visit his state to discuss public safety and walk the streets.

In a Truth Social post on Sunday, Trump said Moore asked “in a rather nasty and provocative tone,” and then raised the specter of repeating the National Guard deployment he made in Los Angeles over the objections of California’s Democratic governor, Gavin Newsom.

“Wes Moore’s record on Crime is a very bad one, unless he fudges his figures on crime like many of the other ‘Blue States’ are doing,” Trump wrote, as he cited a pe-

jorative nickname he uses frequently for the California governor. “But if Wes Moore needs help, like Gavin Newsom did in L.A., I will send in the ‘troops,’ which is being done in nearby DC, and quickly clean up the Crime.”

Moore said he invited Trump to Maryland “because he seems to enjoy living in this blissful ignorance” about improving crime rates in Baltimore.

“The president is spending all of his time talking about me,” Moore said on CBS’ “Face the Nation” on Sunday. “I’m spending my time talking about the people I serve.”

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Many towns unprepared for

railway derailments, spills

Such accidents happen in US about 6 times per year, with half requiring evacuations

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A train derails and spills at least 1,000 gallons of hazardous materials in the U.S. about once every two months. Nearly half of those derailments resulted in evacuations, while more than a quarter resulted in a fire or explosion since 2015, an analysis of federal derailment data showed.

Many communities along the rail lines

aren’t prepared to keep people safe when it happens.

That’s the finding of an investigation by the University of Maryland’s Howard Center for Investigative Journalism that reviewed hundreds of rail safety documents and reports and interviewed dozens of industry professionals and first responders.

The Howard Center also obtained unprecedented access to rail data collected by a network of camera sensors enhanced by artificial intelligence, which allowed reporters to track shipments of hazardous materials along 2,200 miles of rail lines between the U.S.-Canadian border and West Texas.

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A train of tank cars, some containing hazardous materials, travels across a railroad bridge March 20 in Paulsboro, N.J., the site of a 2012 derailment and spill of toxic vinyl chloride.